

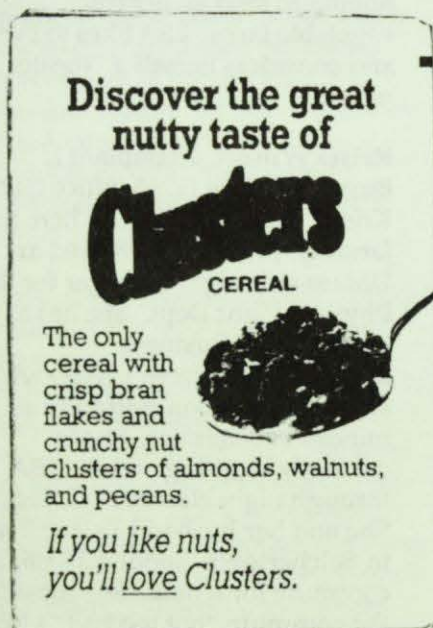


On Campus

A monthly publication for the faculty and staff of Greenfield Community College

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What's a cluster rep?



No, the cluster reps are not some new cereal made up of nuts and flakes. They are nine individuals representing different academic groupings, who meet monthly to discuss a range of issues affecting life at the college. Professor of English **Joanne Hayes**, who has chaired the group since its inception in January 1989, describes the cluster representative council (CRC) as "a clearinghouse to talk about issues that affect the entire campus. The CRC bridges what happens in the clusters and what happens on an administrative level.

We sometimes generate issues that we take back to our clusters, and the clusters also generate issues for their 'reps'."

The nine clusters (and their representatives) are:

- Art, graphic design and media communication (Coordinator **Budge Hyde**);
- Behavior sciences (Professor of Psychology **Ed Dolhenty**);
- Business (Professor of Business Administration **Martha Kimball**);
- Human services (Coordinator for Early Childhood Education **Nancy Winter**);
- Humanities (Professor of History **Saul Sherter**);
- Language and literature (Professor of English **Joanne Hayes**);
- Learning assistance program (Coordinator of the Learning Assistance Center **Jane Lerner**);
- Math and natural science (Professor of Geology **Dick Little**); and
- Nursing (Director of the Nursing Program **Margaret Craig**).

Many of the issues the CRC has dealt with since its inception, says Hayes, have

related to a diverse population: reentry women, and minority, international and learning disabled students. Last year, Lerner spoke to the council about learning disability issues, and as a result the CRC brought in a guest speaker from the University of Massachusetts, **Johnstone Campbell**, to talk about dyslexia. **Mared Alicea**, director of the cooperative education program, met with the CRC at its first meeting of the year

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What do 50,000 Massachusetts public employees have in common?

In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employee Deferred Compensation Plan, there are currently in excess of 50,000 public employee participants with more than \$600 million in assets. The plan is currently available to all state employees. Deferred compensation offers employees a way to save for retirement years

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New Faces

(Editor's Note: Since there has not been an issue of *On Campus* since last spring, we feel obliged to introduce all the new faces on campus since September 1.)

Around Campus

Sue Belcher, secretary, Grouping III (x323, office N421). Sue has a B.S. in biology from Bates College. She previously worked at PRIME Computer in Natick, MA, as a systems support person. Sue and her husband David are expecting their first child in June. Although they enjoy skiing (mostly in New Hampshire), the couple have difficulty making time for the sport now that they work every other weekend as dorm parents at Bement School.

Jean Boucias, job placement specialist, Cooperative Education Office (x364, office N237B). Jean was recently photographed in the *Recorder* as a member of the dance group Genesis. She left her previous employment at Franklin Hampshire Employment and Training (where she worked for 13 years) to come to GCC, where she can keep her eye on her daughter Heather, a student in Recreation and Leisure Services, who will be graduating this spring. Jean herself is a former GCC student previously enrolled in the early childhood education program. She is currently continuing studies at the University Without Walls at UMass. Jean and her husband Greg will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on April 1.

John Canon, technician I, Media Center (x262, office C214). John lives in Greenfield with his wife Norma. Although he was born in Germany, he considers himself a native of Greenfield. A dedicated student and graduate of GCC, he has three associate degrees, in computer information systems, accounting and in management. When asked if computers were the love of his life, he answered, "Other than my wife, yes." A Macintosh expert, he owns an IBM at home (figure that one out).

Laurie Gullion, coordinator of Adventures Unlimited (x269, office C220). Laurie, in the middle of preparing for an eight-day winter camping trip in the Adirondacks, was able to spare a few minutes to introduce herself. She has a B.A. in communication studies and an M.S. in sports management (both from UMass). As well as coordinating Adventures Unlimited, she also teaches in the Outdoor Leadership Program. Her outdoor interests are shared by her husband Bruce Lindwall who is also a part-time instructor in the Outdoor Leadership Program.

Herb Hentz, director of diversity and assistant director of admissions (x273, office C233). Herb holds a bachelor's degree with a major in psychology and minor in comprehensive social sciences from Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. He is originally from New York but lived in Boston since 1976 until his recent move to Turners Falls. Herb feels that to best serve at GCC one needs "the ability to cope with stressful situations which leave you feeling as low as you can go" and that "having the ability to recharge your own battery and bounce back is an absolute necessity."

Colleen Johnston, director of the Foundation and director of alumni relations (x363, office C228). Colleen has a bachelor's degree from Holy Names College in Oakland, CA. Before coming to work here in January, she was a major gift officer for Mount Holyoke College. Colleen, originally from Oakland, CA, came to New England in 1985. She first moved east to New Jersey for "bread and butter reasons," as she puts it, but, "Coming to New England was a life-long dream to experience 'real' seasons." As the poster on her office door testifies, Colleen enjoys the outdoors. She shares this love of the outdoors with her husband Jack who she met while climbing on Mount Holyoke. Colleen and Jack currently live in South Hadley.

Lisa Prolman, secretary to the Director of Financial Aid (x229, office C235A). Lisa, who started work here in October, came directly from graduate school (Simmons College in Boston) where she was working on her master's in children's literature. She has a bachelor's in English from UMass. She is originally from Methuen. When asked what brought her out this way, she replied, "I like it here--it's less crowded - more trees." She and her husband Mark Mazzola are hoping to start an organic vegetable farm. Lisa likes to swim and considers herself a "theater maniac."

Krista Wilson, accountant I, Business Office (x245, office C422). Krista, who started work here in January, previously worked at UMass as budget manager for the Physical Plant Dept. She has a bachelor's of business administration from UMass with an accounting concentration and a minor in economics. She is currently working on her MBA through night classes at UMass. She and her husband Duane live in Belchertown, about a 35-minute commute for Krista. She considers the commute "not too bad...I like the country drive--I wouldn't want to drive that in the city!" She and her husband are "big into classic cars" and attend car shows whenever possible.

Dottie Witham, telephone operator (x0). Dottie is originally from Natick, MA. When asked what brought her out this far west, she replied, "The elevators at UMass." Although the elevators don't actually travel sideways, they did travel up and down as Dottie's husband Al helped to ensure in his job of elevator maintenance. Al later went on to form his own elevator maintenance company which he sold last year to the company which currently repairs the GCC elevators. Before Dottie came to work at GCC in February, she was working at UMass as a lab assistant in the Hotel, Restaurant & Travel Administration program.

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Learning Assistance Center

Montserrat Archbald, staff assistant (x221, office C405). Before beginning work here in September, Montserrat worked at the Northampton Center for Children and Families as a computer teacher. She has a B.A. in English from Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, and a certification to teach English from Baldwin-Wallace, Berea, OH. In answer to the frequently asked question, Montserrat is named after a mountain near her parents' former resident in Barcelona, Spain. Montserrat and her husband Michael are expecting their first child in April.

Julie Shaw, secretary (x221, office C407). Julie, a 1975 graduate of Mohawk Trail Regional High School, is currently working on her associate degree in office administration at GCC. She lives in Shelburne Center with her two sons, ages 11 and 13. She swears she has never competed, but loves to play darts. Her favorite part of the job is, "There's never a dull moment...but then you never get anything done either. There's always something different happening."

Career Assistance Center

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Nancy DuBosque, program manager. Nancy holds a master's in education concentrating on administration and management from Cambridge College. She lives in Montague Center with her husband, "an Irish," Walt Flynn. Although she was never a member of the 4-H, she belongs to the Natural Organic Farmers Association. She has been an organic farmer on a 250-acre farm raising crops of soybeans, winter squash, dry beans and organic goats and pigs. When asked if she had any hobbies she replied,

"Zillions!" listing among them carpentry and woodworking, music (playing, singing and listening). She has built everything from a house to furniture to musical instruments. Nancy considers herself to be a "dabbler." "I like to do a lot of different things. I can't say I'm good at all of them but I like to do them."

Charlene W. Walker, lead instructor. Charlene has a master's in education from St. Michaels College, Winooski, Vermont, and a bachelor's in communications and business administration from the University of Maine. She plans to restart her work on a doctorate at UMass in the fall focusing on integrated education and the administration of integrated programming. In her current position she is running job search workshops, working with recently unemployed personnel from Greenfield Tap & Die and other dislocated workers. Her hobbies include oil painting, tailoring, writing poetry and photography. Regarding her selection of hobbies she states, "I have to be creating. I have that creative side to me. I'm a diverse person." She also considers herself a "ravenous learner." Charlene currently resides in Whately with her husband Willard.

Cyndy Reutt, career counselor. Cyndy has a master's degree in social work from the University of Hawaii and a bachelor's in consumer studies from UMass. Originally from Agawam, she is currently residing in Easthampton. She loves art and paints watercolors. She is trying to learn to play the piano but is looking for a used piano to practice on. Cyndy also bowls on a candlepin bowling league in Southampton with her boyfriend, her sister and brother-in-law. Cyndy would not reveal her bowling average but admitted that this was her first experience with the league. "I'm not very good at it," she concedes, "but I'm going to do it again next year."

Alfred Faille, intake interviewer/peer counselor. Al holds both BMA and DTP certificates from GCC. He is also a certified electronics technician. He has seven children ranging from 3 to 24 years old and two grandchildren. Al and his wife Gail celebrated their 25th anniversary in January. When asked to describe himself he replied, "I think of myself as being honest and somewhat humorous. I enjoy being friendly and using humor to break the ice with people." Regarding hobbies, he "used to have a lot of them." Now he simply enjoys working on computers.

Project ADAPT

(Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Prevention and Training)

Judy Sopenski, Project ADAPT coordinator (x274, office C232). Judy has a bachelor's degree in literature and philosophy from Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ohio, and a master's in education from City College in New York City. Originally from Cleveland, she spent time traveling in Vermont and fell in love with the area. She subsequently moved to Brattleboro, where she currently lives. In her spare time she is a "passionate gardener" and likes to "read murder mysteries galore!" Judy considers herself a "highly energetic, very serious person whose goal is to bring tranquility to the DCE wing housing the offices of Adversity, Diversity, Perversity and Alternative Highs."

Ruth Anne Lundeborg, secretary (x271, office C226). Ruth Anne has a B.F.A. from New York University in drama. Originally from East Hartford, this city girl spent eight years in New York City before moving to Haydenville to get a taste of country living. Besides working part-time as secretary for Project ADAPT, she teaches Balinese dance at Positive Moves in South Deerfield. Her hobbies include writing, history and cycling.

New Part-Time Faculty

Ernie Alleva (no phone), philosophy. Ernie has a B.A., M.A., and a Ph.D. from Columbia University. His research and teaching interests include moral and political philosophy, the philosophy of psychology and social science, gender studies, and history of philosophy. He has previously taught at Columbia University and at the Carnegie Mellon University. His interests include running, politics and guitar.

Elizabeth Berger (x329), English. Elizabeth is currently working on a dissertation for her Ph.D. She has a master's degree from UMass and a bachelor's degree in English from Tufts University.

Maureen Brown (x322), English. Maureen has an associate's degree from GCC and a B.A. from Smith College. She is currently studying for her master's at UMass. She taught at GCC one semester when she first got out of college then worked for three years at the Mental Health Center in their Adolescent Day Treatment Program. She is also currently working at the Farren Care Center in Turners Falls, with mentally and medically ill people.

Wes Brown (x338), business. Wes is the father of Taaniel (age 10), Kete (age 2) and Iman (3 1/2 months). According to Wes, he plays music, pretends to know a little about computers, doesn't wear socks, but does wear baggy pants.

Felice Caivano (x357), art. She has a master of fine arts degree from the University of Massachusetts, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Hartford. She studied in Italy for one year, and has previously taught at Springfield College and UMass. She is currently teaching at Westfield State and is a gallery director there.

Priscilla Caoette (x338), business. She has a master's degree from the University of Montana and a bachelor's degree from the College of Great Falls, MT. She is a Certified Public Accountant and also teaches at Southern Vermont College.

"Risky" Case, Senior Mentoring. Risky is a long-time GCC'r, retired Dean of Student Services and Continuing Education.

Claudia Cassidy (x357), art and media. Credentials include a B.A. from Windham College (psychology), masters in education from Keene State College (education), and a certificate in art from the Cooper Union, NYC. She is a freelance designer in Townshend, VT, executive coordinator of Art on the Mountain, and also teaches at the Community College of Vermont.

MaryAnn Connors (x326), mathematics. She is a doctoral student in the mathematics, science and instructional technology program at UMass. She received an M.S. in mathematics from the University of Notre Dame, in Indiana, and a B.A. in mathematics from Seton Hill College in Greensburg, PA. She has taught mathematics in public and private schools in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Massachusetts and Germany.

Linda Dodge (x326), mathematics. She has a master's degree from Cambridge College and her bachelor's from Arizona State University. She has previously taught at Greenfield High School.

Dennis Finnell (x313), English. Dennis has an M.F.A. in creative writing from UMass, and an M.A. in English from Northern Illinois University. He has previously taught at the University of Tennessee and at Mount Holyoke College.

Maryanne Gallagher (x347), early childhood education, formerly worked in the GCC child care

center, and has worked at the Hampshire College Children's Center and taught at Wheelock College. She is a graduate of Hampshire College, and has a master's degree from Wheelock.

Jason Gipstein (x350), criminal justice. Jason has a B.A. from Wesleyan University, and a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall School of Law). His previous teaching experience includes one year at a private elementary school and many years of tutoring at all levels. He is a member of the California Bar.

Denise Kindschi Gosselin (x350), criminal justice. Denise has a master's and a bachelor's of science from Westfield State College, and an associate of science from Mount Wachusett Community College. She has previously served as a campus police officer at MWCC, a reserve police officer for the town of Lunenburg, and as a Massachusetts state trooper. Her specialty is major crime investigation, and crimes against children and developmentally-delayed adults. She is also currently teaching at Westfield State.

Tom Grow (x327), engineering. He has a B.S. from the University of Connecticut and an M.S. in applied mechanics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He retired in 1984 from UMass. He has also taught at the University of Connecticut, Fort Trumbull branch, and part-time at Holyoke Junior College.

Maggie Haigis (no phone), EFL. Maggie has a B.A. in Asian Studies from UMass; and a master's in education and in English as a Second Language from Boston State. She has previously taught English to adults in Boston (Chinatown) and was news director at radio station WHAI in Greenfield for 12 years.

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Carol Harris (x323), physics. She graduated from Penn State with a B.S. in electrical engineering. At Honeywell ESC in Poulsbo, WA, she taught equipment training courses to technicians and engineers.

Pilar Hill (x322), Spanish. Pilar has a B.A. in Spanish from Keene State College and will have her master's in Spanish from Middlebury College in September. She has worked at the Experiment in International Training in Brattleboro, Keene High School and Thayer High School in New Hampshire.

Patricia Leuchtman (x322), English. Patricia has a B.S. from UMass. She taught sixth grade in Kennebunkport and then spent five years working in New York City for a large corporation. She left New York for the quiet town of Heath and began working for GCC in the Division of Continuing Education as Coordinator of Community Service. Pat also taught business communication and children's literature. At the same time, she began her career as a syndicated garden columnist and freelance writer. In 1989, Pat and her husband went to China

for a year to work as English editors. Returning to the U.S., Pat resumed her writing career and is also back at GCC teaching children's literature.

Catherine Madsen (x341), English. She has an M.F.A. and an M.A. from Goddard College, and a B.A. from Michigan State University. Catherine has taught at Holyoke Community College and is currently teaching at Westfield State as well as GCC. She is very interested in the subjective roots of people's spirituality and ethics--how experience tests, and responds to, authority - and has published literary and scholarly essays on the subject. She has also written a liturgical cycle for an invented religion, and made two albums of songs.

Jeffrey C. Manning (x338), business. He has a master's of business administration and B.A. from Cornell University. This adjunct instructor lives in Greenfield and is the owner of a publishing business in Vermont.

Pennie Marcus (x355), English. Pennie has a B.A. in History and an M.E.D. in Reading from Temple University. She has previously taught at Berkshire Community College, Holyoke Community College, Temple University and the Community College of Philadelphia. She has also supervised a large literacy program at the Lutheran Settlement House, Women's Program in Philadelphia. She is currently working on a second master's degree in history at UMass.

Elizabeth Meyersohn (x357), art. Elizabeth studied at Smith College where she received her bachelor's degree and at the Yale School of Art where she received her M.F.A. She taught painting at Mount Holyoke College from 1988-91; painting, drawing, art history at Westfield State from 1984-87; and painting and drawing at Smith College from 1982-84.

Robin Oakes (x325), mathematics. She has a master's in math

education and her B.S. in mathematics from UMass. She has previously taught at Granby High School in Connecticut, at Turners Falls High School and part-time at Greenfield Community College.

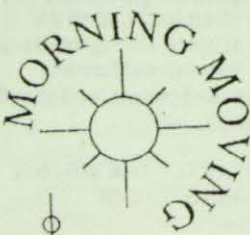
Edward Peramba (x350), criminal justice. A graduate of Greenfield Community College and Westfield State College, he is also presently a Greenfield Police Officer

Widi Sumaryono (x331), English as a Foreign Language. Widi has a B.A. in English and ESL from a college in Indonesia. He worked for six years in Galang Refugee Camp in Indonesia, one year in Phant Nikhon Refugee Camp in Thailand, and for the Experiment in International Training in Brattleboro. Currently, he also works with the Lutheran Services in West Springfield teaching ESL.

Amy Sussna (x347), early childhood education. She is currently working on her dissertation for an Ed.D. at UMass. She has a master's degree from Tufts University and a bachelor's from UMass. Amy has previously taught at private and public elementary schools and preschools in Massachusetts and Missouri. She has also worked with undergraduates at UMass and Tufts University.

Lynne Weintraub (x331), English as a Foreign Language. Lynne has a master's in education from UMass. She also works in the Jones Library in Amherst where she runs an EFL tutoring program. Lynne formerly worked as a supervisor in a refugee camp in the Philippines and for ten years she worked with a Cambodian community in western Massachusetts.

Justin West (x357), art. Justin has a B.A. in painting from Hampshire College and an M.F.A. in video from UMass. He has taught art and video at Westfield State College and Smith College.



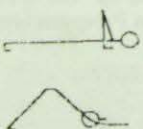
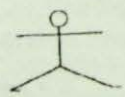
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From Diana Roberts:

Please remember to put your NAME, DIVISION, or DEPARTMENT above the college address on ALL (sizes and shapes of) outgoing business mail. Any mail returned to GCC because of undeliverability that does not have this information has to be opened in the Mailroom. Often your mail may be confidential, and I have to read it in order to find out who to return it to.

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From John Murphy:

Please, I definitely need two to three full working days to process duplicating requests, NO EXCEPTIONS!! I am tired of hearing sob stories of "no-one told me!!!" Thanx.

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From Garry Longe:

For future reference, a \$1.99 or \$2.99 special tape is only a good deal if it is a familiar brand name tape. We have a policy in the studio of not running junk tape in the video decks in the TV studio because of the damage they cause to the mechanisms of the tape drive systems. Please stick with a brand name video tape when having work done by us so we won't have to turn down your request.

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From Valorie Knowlton:

(Regarding recent thefts from offices) Please remember to report incidents of suspicious or unusual activity to Security and by all means **SECURE YOUR OFFICES AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS!!!**

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MOOD CHANGES ARE A NORMAL
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Most mood changes are subtle and we may not even be aware or take special note of our mood. We usually feel "O.K." At other times, we may feel "happy" or "good." At other times we may feel "sad" or "depressed."

"SAD" AND "DEPRESSED" ARE NOT
THE SAME THINGS

Most of us use these words interchangeably but they do not really mean the same thing.

Sadness is usually a short term response to a loss. Our best friend moves away. A close relative dies. The Summer is over.

Sadness is a normal, expected, unavoidable part of life. We usually know what has made us sad and the feeling usually passes after a short time - a few days or weeks.

"DEPRESSION" IS MUCH MORE
SERIOUS

When depressed, we feel numb, lack strong feeling or caring about the usual things of life, sometimes for long periods of time. This void, this lack of feeling can leave us feeling lost and adrift. We feel very alone in the world, as if no one else could possibly understand what we're going through.

People who are seriously depressed may lose (or gain) weight rapidly, may not be able to sleep (or sleep all the time), may sit at home staring into space and withdraw from normal human contact. Depressed people tend to pull inside themselves.

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Human beings are social creatures who like contact with others. People need people. Withdrawal from the contact and support of the very people we care about (and who care about us) only leads to more isolation and deeper depression.

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People

Mared Alicea and Jane Lerner have received scholarships to attend workshops in Phoenix, Arizona, sponsored by the "Leaders" program, a national leadership training program for women administrators and faculty. The workshop, designed to enhance the skills that leaders need to assume major decision making roles, includes instruction and practice in supervisory and human relations skills, planning and budgeting, organizational transformation and discussions with national experts on issues confronting higher education during the next decade. The National Institute For Leadership Development is internationally known for its training by colleges, universities and businesses throughout the United States and Canada. The Leaders program is sponsored by AAWCJC, The League for Innovation, Rio Salado Community College, and The Maricopa Community Colleges.

Megan Bathory, daughter of Counseling and Tutoring Coordinator Michael Bathory, presented a modern dance performance with the Performing Dance Troupe at Northfield Mount Hermon January 25 and 26. Megan, a senior at NMH, choreographed five dances and performed in four of the six works presented.

Instructor of English Elizabeth Berger received a fellowship from Harper Collins Publishing Company. The award, geared to part-time teachers, is presented annually for innovative ideas in teaching writing classes. She is one of five winners who will be flown to Cincinnati for the Four C's (Conference on College Composition and Communication) annual conference in March.

Larry Buell, coordinator of the Outdoor Leadership Program (on sabbatical for 1991-92) has written his first volume of "poetry, prose

and images of place," *Return to the Meadow* (Environmental Awareness Publications).

English Instructor Robin Dizard has been invited to speak at the 1992 Annual Convention of the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Cincinnati, OH, from March 19-21. The Conference is a constituent group for college-level teachers of writing and related subjects within the National Council of Teachers of English and has over 7,000 members.

Bob Keir, Dean of Continuing Education and Community Services, and his wife Sandra became grandparents of Allison Elizabeth Bigelow, born on January 22 to the Keir's son-in-law and daughter, Richard and Elizabeth Bigelow.

Jane Lerner, coordinator of counseling, learning assistance programs and handicapped student services, and Rob Belknap "tied the knot" on January 25. Although they spent a couple of days skiing in Vermont, they have planned a trip in May to Italy for the "real" honeymoon.

An art exhibit featuring acrylic and oil paintings by Louise Minks, coordinator of the Pioneer Valley Institute, is on display at the Shea Theater in Turners Falls. The exhibit includes local landscapes and paintings from the Southwest and Greece. The show opened January 26 and will tentatively continue through the end of March, according to a representative at the Shea Box Office.

English Instructor Carolyn Nims, a co-founder of People for Cats, was featured in the *Greenfield Recorder* on January 25, with feline friends "Kit" and "Scoobedoo." The group, seeking to recruit new members and increase awareness of the problem of stray cats, strives to serve as an information system maintaining a list of "foster parents" to care for cats until new owners can be found. Although

the group does not take unwanted cats off the hands of owners, they do round up strays on their own.

Professor of mathematics Peter Rosnick spoke at the Northeast Regional Meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Nashua, NH, November 21-23. The council is the major professional organization for mathematics education, with more than 80,000 members nationally.

Director of Information Systems Bob Schilling has opened a training facility in partnership with his wife Deb. DBS Consulting Service, a computer training facility, will serve primarily to help business owners and employees get the most out of their computers. Through courses offered at the facility on Shelburne Road in Greenfield or on-site at larger companies, computer users are treated to hands-on training on various software products.

Mirrless Underwood, who teaches courses on "Death and Dying," was featured in the February 8th issue of the *Recorder*. Mirrless, who has worked in the past with terminally ill patients and their families on dealing with death, brings unique credentials to her teaching through her own first-hand experiences in dealing with her own cancer.

Associate Professor of Art Thomas Young exhibited his photographic Untitled Passages at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts from October 20 to November 17. In his recent work, according to Thomas Young, "I am photographing life at home and a landscape to which I am drawn. By layering them together, dislocation and a sense of loss of equilibrium are created. This weaving together of imagery constructs a place and time that fuses notions of the familiar with that of the mysterious." He studied photography at Goddard College in Vermont and at the Rhode Island School of Design and has received several awards for his work.

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September 23 to seek information for a grant proposal to increase access to and improve retention of Hispanic students.

But the CRC's concerns extend across the curriculum and administration. In the past year, for example, the cluster reps have also met with then-Acting Dean of Academic Affairs **Carleton Stinchfield** about articulation agreements with four-year institutions, Dean of Continuing Education **Bob Keir** about the integration of day and DCE course offerings, **Steve Budd**, then-director of the cooperative education program, about co-op, and

Russell Powell, director of marketing and public relations, about ways to involve the faculty in marketing the college. The CRC also discussed the impact of the Persian Gulf War on students' lives, and considered appropriate responses by faculty.

This year, Hayes says the CRC has two main goals: to review its mission, and to explore issues relating to minority and international student education and orientation, both in and outside the classroom. Dean of Academic Affairs **Ira Rubenzahl** has already approached the cluster reps about the issue of computerized placement

testing (a suggestion made by **Terry O'Banion**, executive director of the League for Innovation in the Community College, during his visit to campus August 27), and President **Kay Sloan**, who has addressed the CRC on several occasions, asked the council to examine the cost of books. The CRC will suggest that faculty see if they could use the same text for more than one year and find lower-cost books to keep expenses down for students.

Other members of the college community are "openly invited to attend" CRC meetings, says Hayes. The council met on February 10th for the first time this semester and are scheduled to meet again on March 16 and April 20 in the president's conference room 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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everyone at GCC

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For more information, call Judy Sopenski at extension 274.

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Project ADAPT is a proactive prevention program using planning and community involvement to create and support healthy lifestyles on GCC's campus and in the community.

question authority



Dear Authority: Just what is substance abuse prevention, anyway? Isn't that when you identify drug abusers and get them to stop using?

--Slightly Gunshy

Dear Gunshy: Not really. Prevention is different from other kinds of substance abuse programs. While other programs focus on problems, prevention focuses on solutions. Prevention is an active process of creating conditions that promote the well-being of people. Alcohol and other drug abuse is a reflection of a society in trouble. Prevention professionals recognize that there are no simple solutions. There are many environmental conditions that give permission to abusive drug use. By changing the conditions, we can change how people use and the consequences of their use.

Dear Authority: Is green beer as strong as the regular stuff? --Hopeful in Greenfield

Dear Hopeful: Green beer is just as strong as any other kind. The only difference is in the color. The luck of the Irish will not protect you in this instance.

THE WAR ON DRUGS WILL NOT be won by keeping illegal drugs out of the country. The drug problem includes legal drugs like alcohol and nicotine.

For this reason, we in Western Mass should be as concerned about the war on drugs as any inner city community.

Every day in the US 1,400 people die because of their chemical use: 40 die because of their use of an illegal drug, 360 die because of their involvement with alcohol and 1,000 die because of their relationship to nicotine. Legal drugs are enormously damaging to our society. Alcohol and nicotine are toxic chemicals whose use carry physical, social, emotional and financial consequences.

The "War on Drugs" has distracted Americans from the core of the drug problem: unwise use of any psychoactive chemical, most commonly alcohol and nicotine.

It is time to reassess our beliefs about wise and unwise use. Traditionally, we have told ourselves that "As long as I'm not an alcoholic, I don't have a problem." Social norms dictate that any use short of full-blown alcoholism is acceptable. Now we need to reject accepted norms and get a new perspective on use.

The truth is that if every alcoholic/addict stopped using tomorrow, we would still have a drug problem. Using chemicals heavily, and often is part of the American way of life. The degree that we, as a society, can't control our chemical use, is the degree to which we can't control our communal destiny. In this way, we are all victims of the drug problem.

NEXT ISSUE: We can gain control of the drug problem.

Quote of the month: "I just came from an A.A. meeting, and I feel so serene, it's UNBELIEVABLE!! I had a spiritual experience...the earth MOVED."

--anonymous

Obituaries

or, beliefs not to be believed



"It's OK to drink and drug as long as I don't get hooked."



"I'm not hooked because I don't use every day."



"Just Say No."

Surrender Nancy

FACT:

*40% of adults in the US have
or have had a parent, partner,
or child with alcoholism. Over
half of separated or divorced
people have been married to or
raised by an alcoholic.*

AVAILABLE: Speaker with own soapbox.
Not neo-prohibitionist, just upbeat. call Judy x 274
Money for collaborative prevention projects.
\$50-\$250. call Judy X 274.

adapt personals

IS THIS YOU?? Willing to risk? Interested in grappling with "real life?" Don't believe easy answers? Know that exposure to different ideas, cultures and lifestyles is enriching? Have some energy and want to change the world?

IF THIS IS YOU... We have been looking for you, so read on!

WANTED: Individual who would enjoy looking for new ways of making a fun, supportive GCC community. call Judy at 274, or stop by c232.

SEARCHING FOR: Someone who wants emotional safety for invisible groups on campus. call Judy at 274, or stop by c 232.

NEEDED: That special person who wants to foster a climate where everyone is respected and appreciated for who they are. call Judy at 274, or stop by c232.

GAY AND LESBIAN student alliance forming. call Judy at 274, or stop by c232.

AA, AL-ANON, ACOA, SOS, RATIONAL RECOVERY GROUP. Do you want some/more of these meetings on campus? Willing to do some service? call Judy at 274, or stop by c232.

Looking for a few good people

To organize brown bag/pot luck luncheons.
STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF

TOPICS:

Raising Drug-Free Kids
Being a Student in Recovery
Multi-Cultural Literature for Children
Exploring Racism
When Someone You Love Abuses Alcohol and Other Drugs
Multi-Cultural Reading Groups.

Advertisers Hall of Shame

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Were you watching the Olympics??? How many times did you see the GYNE-LOTRIMIN commercial? This expensive remedy is no longer prescription only. This means millions of women can't use their insurance to pay for it. Line up, ladies!!

George Bush takes Halcion. George Bush collapses at state dinner. JUST A COINCIDENCE???